(ख) क्या वर्ष 1994–95 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में और अधिक संख्या में एल० पी० जी० कनेक्शन जारी करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) ये कनेक्शन कब तक जारी कर दिए जाएंगे ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में निम्नांकित संख्या में नए एल. पी. जी. (रसोई गैस) कनेक्शन दिए गए हैं :–

1991–92 . .	11354
1992-93 . .	5336
1993–94 . .	7143

(ख) से (घ) मध्य प्रदेश सहित पूरे देश में नए एल० पी० जी० (रसोई गैस) कनेक्शन चरणबद्ध प्रणाली से जारी किए जाते है जो कुल नए ग्राहक पंजीन, स्वदेशी स्रोतों से एल० पी० जी० (रसोई गैस) की उपलब्धता, संभव आयात, प्रतीक्षा सूची, डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरों के पास उपलब्ध बकाए तथा उनकी व्यवहार्यता पर निर्भर करती है। तथापि, अधिक से अधिक आवेदकों को यथासंभव शीघ्र एल० पी० जी० (रसोई गैस) कनेक्शन जारी करने के प्रयास अनवरत रूप से जारी है। पूरे वर्ष कनेक्शन जारी किए जाते हैं।

MRTPC enquiry against BPC Ltd. and IOC Ltd.

5721. SHRIP.UPENDRA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTPC) has issued notices of an eqnuiry against Bhart Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. for restrictive trade practices indulged in by their agents; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the action taken and what is the present stage of the enquiry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The notices to the Oil Companies relate to the supply and distribution made by the Oil Companies of Petroleum Products as also the price of Petroleum Products whieh is controlled. Apart from the above, the dealership/distributorishipagreements are also brought under the MRTP Act. Oil Companies exercise their control and supervision over the dealers/distributors so that they do not indulge in any unfair trade practice. As and when unfair trade practices are conclusively proved, necessary action against the erring dealer/distributor is taken. The matter is still before the MRTPC.

Plan to Increase the capacity for Oil refining

5722. SHRI SURESH KAL-MADI: Will the Minister of PET-ORLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to increase spectacularly the capacity for oil refining in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the detailed steps to be taken so as to achieve the object?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Government have allowed private investment in the oil refining sector. As against the present refining capacity of 53.25 MMTPA, the total refining

capacity in the country as per the Letters of Intent issued is expected to be around 119 MMTPA after all projects are implemented. This capacity would be sufficient to meet the projected demand from the year 2001-2002 which is estimated to be approximately 102 MMTPA.

Decline in crude and Gas Exploration by ONGC and Oil

5723. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a marked decline in the crude and gas exploration activity both by Oil and Natural Gas Commission and Oil India Limited; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the shortfall as against the respective targets for 1992 and 1993; and the reasons for the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF HE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of Petroleum Products in the State of Gujarat

5724. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what i s the estimated production of petrol, diesel, natural gas and crude oil by the IPCL, IOC and ONGC out of the fields in Gujarat during the years 1991-92.1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) what amount of royalty was actually due to be paid to the Gujarat State during 1992-93 and 1993-94:

(c) what amount of royalty has so far been paid to the State out of the amount due for 1993-94: and

(d) whatis the balance amount of royalty payable to the State Government as on 31st December, 1993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Production of Petrol, Diesel, Crude oil and Natural Gas in Gujarat State by IOC/ONGC during the years 1991-92 1992-93 and 1993-94 is as under:--

Year	Production by IOC in Gujarat (in million tonnes)		Production by ONGC in Gujara	
	Petrol	Diesel HSDO	Crude Oil (MMT)	Natut Gas (Bn. C lic Met
1991-92	0.636	2.458	6.04	1.90
1992-93	0.741	2.650	5.81	1.95
1993-94*	0.679	2.658	5.97	1.59(

*Provisional

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